

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Gordon and Lois Van Ash exchanged their wedding vows on April 9, 1953, at Canton, South Dakota, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

Whereas, Gordon and Lois gave life and love to seven children and raised them in Pierre, South Dakota, where they continue to work along side their sons at Gordy's Plumbing, Inc.; and,

Whereas, Gordon and Lois's children have presented them with 12 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren to enjoy and share in their activities and lives; and,

Whereas, Their children will host an open house followed by a dance on Saturday, June 14, 2003, to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of a devoted couple who have shared life's beauty and sorrow and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey; and,

Whereas, It is altogether fitting and proper that the Governor of South Dakota recognizes and commemorates the memorable milestones in the lives of the state's outstanding citizens:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 9, 2003, as

GORDON & LOIS VANASH DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-seventh Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

